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The U.S. Supreme Court let stand a lower court's ruling that police use of a Taser amounted to unconstitutional excessive force in a case involving a mentally ill man who died after being stunned with the electrical weapon five times in two minutes. The justices declined to hear an appeal by the North Carolina village of Pinehurst of a January federal appeals court ruling that police can use a Taser only if officers are in immediate danger. The village was sued by the family of Ronald Armstrong, a man with bipolar disorder and paranoid schizophrenia who died in April 2011 after a confrontation with police. The Richmond, Virginia-based 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals found the officers used excessive force in violation of the U.S. Constitution's Fourth Amendment, which prohibits unreasonable searches and seizures. REUTERS

US JUSTICES REFUSE TO HEAR COLLEGE ATHLETE COMPENSATION CASES

2 The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday declined to take up the contentious issue of pay for college athletes, leaving in place a lower court's decision finding that rules by the governing body for collegiate sports limiting compensation violate antitrust law. The justices declined to hear an appeal by the National Collegiate Athletic Association seeking to reverse a decision by the San Francisco-based 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. That court ruled in September 2015 that the NCAA's ban on compensating athletes for use of their names and images in TV broadcasts and video games constituted a restraint of trade under federal antitrust law. The issue of pay for college athletes has gained momentum as the amount of money for television rights going to the NCAA and sports conferences has skyrocketed.

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GOOGLE HAS UNTIL OCT. 31 TO REPLY TO EU'S ANTITRUST CHARGES

3 Alphabet's Google has been given until the end of October, the fourth extension, to rebut EU antitrust charges that it uses its dominant Android mobile operating system to block competitors, the European Commission said on Monday. The Commission in April said the U.S. technology giant's demand that mobile phone makers pre-install Google Search and the Google Chrome browser on their smartphones to access other Google apps harms consumers and competition. The EU watchdog had initially set a July 27 deadline for Google to respond to the charges. This had been extended three times at the company's request, with the previous deadline Sept. 20. REUTERS

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3. Which rocker wrote the forward to Sophia Amoruso's "Nasty Galaxy"?

ISTOCK

Teen girl behind 'scary clown' threats against Philly schools, police say

Police investigated after threats against city schools were made on social media.

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Philadelphia cops said a teenage girl and her friend were behind recent "scary clown" threats made against city schools that sparked a federal investigation.

"A 13-year-old juvenile female who attends a local school has been identified as a participant involved in these posts placed on Instagram," police announced on Monday afternoon. "This juvenile indicated that this 'prank only' was committed with a friend at her school and she never had any intent to harm anyone."

It was quick work by law enforcement, coming a day after the School District of Philadelphia, police department and Homeland Security announced they would investigate posts on Instagram with messages threatening to "shoot" students and teachers at local schools accompanied by pictures of scary-looking clowns.

A police spokesman credited the identification of the suspect to "great police work" and tips from the public.

"Coming to Neuman Goretti on Monday!! Going to shoot all the students and teachers," read one of the threats, posted on the now-deleted Instagram account Clown_of_Philly.

It's the latest manifestation of a creepy trend that started in South Carolina two months ago and has slowly crept its way north revolving around "scary clowns." Part hoax and part legitimate concern, sightings of "scary clowns" have been reported in several states.

"The School District of Philadelphia's Office of School Safety alerted both the Philadelphia Police Department and the Office of Homeland Security Saturday upon learning of these disturbing social media posts," the School District said on Sunday. The safety of our children and the communities surrounding our schools is a top priority for us and we are taking this matter seriously."

The case will be referred to the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office for evaluation, police said.

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UPenn app could be an Election Day game changer

BusyBooth wants to help you spend less time in line at the polling place.

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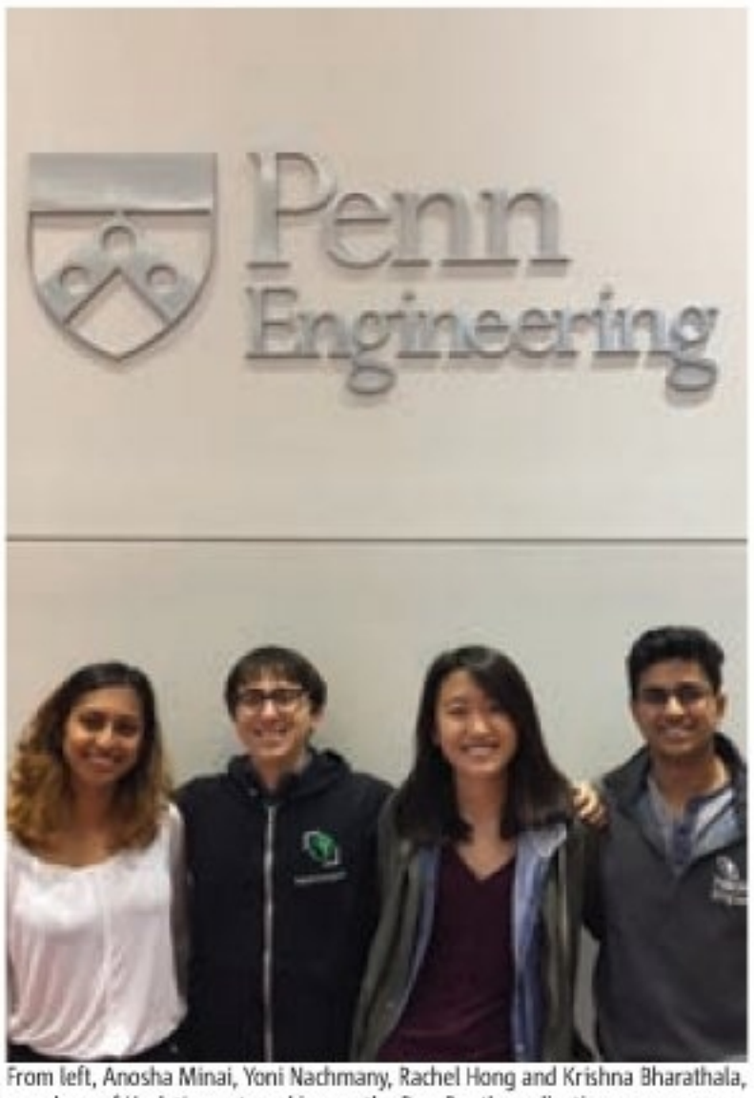

From left, Anosha Minai, Yoni Nachmany, Rachel Hong and Krishna Bharathala, members of Hack4Impact working on the BusyBooth application. ALEXIS SACHDEV

Elections — and politics, in general — has embraced the digital age. A simple search on the App Store for "presidential election" reveals dozens of mobile apps, from news organizations to profiles of candidates to Election Day simulation games.

Another app may soon join that mix, and it's all about making voting as easy as possible.

BusyBooth, the brainchild of a University of Pennsylvania club and a Bay Area-based nonprofit, crowdsources waiting times at polling booths on Election Day to reduce the time voters must wait.

Using real-time data from users at polling locations, BusyBooth distributes voters across multiple voting booths to avoid high-traffic wait times. It also includes a mapping component that shows users their travel time to and from polling booths, and a function that allows users to check that they're registered and headed to the right location.

Krishna Bharathala, a business and engineering student and the education chair at Hack4Impact, said the project's mission is also to drive voter engagement by eliminating the time it takes to cast a vote.

"In Philly, your work is legally obligated to let you have time off [to vote], but for a lot of people it's still a burden for them, they have things to get done," Bharathala said.

Unfortunately for Philly-area voters, BusyBooth won't available in the area by Nov. 8, as it's still undergoing tests in California.

BusyBooth was initially brought to the group's attention last November, when the San Francisco-based nonprofit Open Source Election Foundation pitched the idea to Penn students. Now, nearly a year later, the group is working with county officials in California to access voter registration data that will act as a sort of security against false accounts that may want to hack the app in favor of a particular party.

Bharathala quickly points out that BusyBooth doesn't store any users' data, including name, date of birth, party affiliation and so on.

And the app's nonprofit roots ensure that it stays nonpartisan. In short, BusyBooth doesn't care who you vote for, as long as you vote.

"Voter engagement in my opinion is very, very important," Bharathala said. "If we look at trends over time, less and less people go out to vote for elections. And there are a lot of reasons this could be happening: One is that we don't know enough about the people who are running, or they don't feel like they can make a difference, or that they're too busy to go vote. With this application, we're directly solving one of these things."

Bharathala said that by solving the crisis of how much time it takes to go vote, it might also encourage voters to do more research on their decision.

"There are a lot of ways in which voting and elections can be difficult to navigate," Yoni Nachmany, external relations chair at Hack4Impact, said. "The way that we experience them doesn't always match up with our experiences of other things in 2016. And there's ways that technology can help make this process more intuitive and easier."

ISTOCK

Fairmount Park named among the best places in America by the APA

October is National Community Planning Month.

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With thousands of acres of protected green space, plenty of trails, stunning views of the city skyline, giant playgrounds, historic Victorian mansions and no shortage of picnic spots, it's no wonder that millions of residents and visitors flock to Fairmount Park each year.

It's also no surprise that the 9,200-acre park was named among the best places in the country by the American Planning Association.

The annual list, which recognizes neighborhoods, parks, streets and public places that exemplify how smart planning can improve individuals and communities, is released every year in October, in honor of National Community Planning Month.

"Fairmount Park in Philadelphia is unique in the story of American planning," a page on the APA's website honoring the park reads. "It represents one of the first efforts to protect a municipal watershed by dramatically altering land uses to both mitigate pollution and create a space for public recreation."

The APA applauded the city's efforts in revitalizing the Schuylkill River and land upstream from the city that had polluted the water through industrialization.

"No single landscape architect can claim credit for the design of the park. Its assembly around watershed health, its service to the Centennial's technological paradise, and its conscious creation of an idealized 18th century rural landscape makes it unique in America."

Philadelphia officials, including Mayor Jim Kenney, will host an event in the park on Oct. 14 alongside APA officials to celebrate the dedication.

BRIEFS

Philly Zoo announces name of baby gorilla after contest

A baby western lowland gorilla at the Philadelphia Zoo will be named Amani after thousands of people from across the world voted in an online contest, the Zoo announced Monday.

Amani, which means "peace" in Swahili, won with 6,600 votes. Amani, who was born in August, is the daughter of Honi, a 22-year-old female gorilla, and Motuba, the Zoo's resident silverback, with whom she is living at the Zoo.

"We are thrilled that people around the world showed their support by helping to name our gorilla Amani and supporting orphaned gorillas at GRACE," Kim Lengel, the Zoo's VP for Conservation and Education, said in a statement."

The contest was tied to a fundraising contest for Gorilla Rehabilitation and Conservation Education (GRACE), a center in the Democratic Republic of Congo that protects endangered gorillas from poachers. Voters paid $1 per vote, and the Zoo matched the $6,600 raised by voters for a total of $13,200 donated to GRACE.

All of the naming options were based on different gorilla at GRACE.

Amani will be named after a Grauer's gorilla (also known as the eastern lowland gorilla) at GRACE who was rescued after poachers killed off her family. She was rescued in 2009, found being offered for sale while stuffed into a plastic bag, dehydrated and with a bullet in her leg, according to the zoo. While she lost use of her leg, she is now leading a normal life at GRACE.

"Grauer's gorillas are on the brink of extinction, so raising awareness is critical," said GRACE executive director Dr. Sonya Kahlenberg in a news release. "We look forward to watching little Amani as she grows!"

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Community hosts send-off for neighborhood school

Alexander Wilson Public School is scheduled to be razed in January.

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It was an intergenerational reunion as a community gathered to throw a goodbye party to a beloved school in West Philadelphia.

The school, Alexander Wilson Public School, closed three years ago after welcoming children to its classrooms for a century. It was among 24 schools in the Philadelphia School District that were shuttered that year due to budget cuts.

To the former students, educators and neighbors who filled the schoolyard Sunday afternoon, the school is known fondly as just "Wilson."

"Besides the church and recreation center, this is where we learned values," said author and former student Rosemary Worthy-Washington, who graduated from Wilson in 1969. "It didn't matter that the teachers were black or white. It just mattered that they cared about us."

Wilson is slated for demolition in January.

The University of the Sciences purchased the school property at 46th Street and Woodland Avenue in 2014 with the intent of building student housing. Plans call for a six-story structure that will also incorporate two retail spaces and some offices for the university.

Speakers at the reunion praised the University of the Sciences for working with the neighbors to make sure that Wilson had a good send-off.

"This is the first time that any university worked with a community to remember their school," former student Dianne Settles said to the crowd. "We have to coexist. When these young people come, we are the ones who watch out for them."

Some elements of Wilson will be preserved in the new building. The giant mural painted on one side of the building will be replicated on the new USciences mixed-use building.

"We should respect the school before we put something new [on the property]," said USciences Director of Community and Government Relations David L. Forde. "It was a community treasure."

Forde and a team of community leaders organized Sunday's event to celebrate the school and offer a chance for the community to officially say goodbye in style. A band of Wilson graduates played music throughout the afternoon. People brought their photos and memorabilia. A team videotaped people talking about their memories of Wilson.

Settles reminisced about her days at Wilson while she spoke in front of its colorful exterior. She spoke of a school that set a high standard for students. Every boy came to school sporting a tie and every girl wore a dress, she recalled.

"There was no such word as 'can't,'" said Settles. "You put on your thinking cap and learned how to get out of it."

It was only appropriate to dig up a piece of the school's history. Forde presented a time capsule that was buried in the school in 1960 — the year that Wilson moved to a then-new building at 4514 Woodland Ave. The box contained items such as a list of students at the school, a copy of the Bible and the sports section of the Philadelphia Inquirer from May 12, 1960.

Although Wilson has reached the end of an era, a legacy of its impact will live on in the community.

"Life doesn't stop at the seventh grade," said Worthy-Washington.

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Expanding our city's bike-sharing program, Independence Blue Cross's Indego, which currently has over 100 stations throughout the city. Advancing the most cost effective approach to link Center City with the Navy Yard, which employs over 12,000 people, as well as the planned development across the lower Schuylkill River. This expansion is already underway with Pennovation and environmental cleanup efforts in the area surrounding our historic Bartram's Gardens. Improving the transportation infrastructure necessary to accommodate the fluid and growing movement of people and employees from the area of our zoo down through University City, which recently hit the 75,000-job mark. Continuing to advocate for the development of high-speed Amtrak rail service via 30th Street Station so our friends and businesses in D.C. and New York can visit us more often and even set up shop here.

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Clearwater, Florida – Think about it. No mater what drugs you take; If you don't have enough "feeling" in your penis, it's impossible to get an erection. The formula for great sex is simple. The more penile feeling, the more aroused you get, which provokes a firm and lasting erection and a full orgasm whenever you want.

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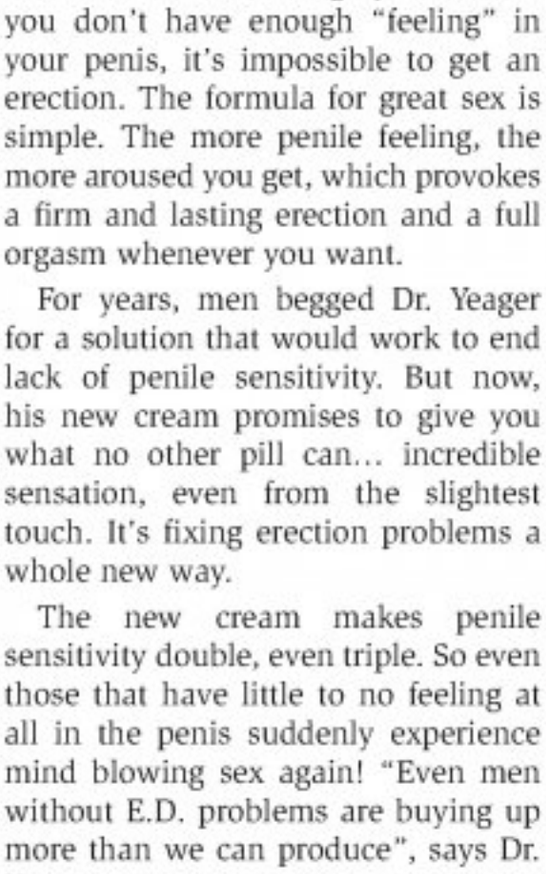

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They have less or no more difficulty in stimulating the penis, getting and keeping a hard erection, and achieving orgasm at the right time.

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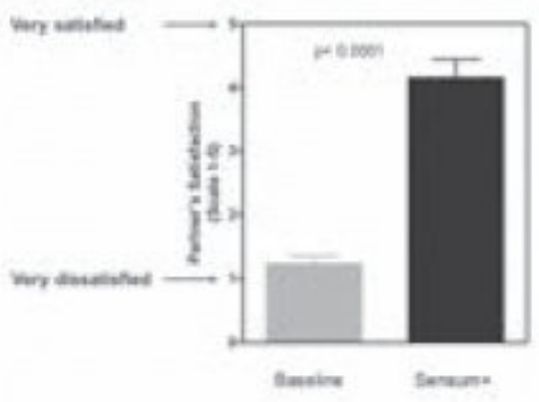

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Hurricane Matthew nears Haiti

U.S. National Hurricane Center said the Category 4 storm has veered from targeting Jamaica directly but is forecast to bring gale-force winds and dump hazardous amounts of rain on the island.

Thousands of Haitians were still in vulnerable coastal areas ahead of Hurricane Matthew on Monday, which experts say threatens "catastrophic" damage from 140 mile-per-hour winds and up to 3 feet of rain over the country's denuded hills.

A combination of weak government, deforestation and precarious living conditions make Haiti susceptible to natural disasters. More than 200,000 people were killed when a magnitude 7 earthquake struck in 2010.

"It has the potential of being catastrophic," said Dennis Feltgen, a meteorologist and spokesman for the Miami-based hurricane center, when asked about Matthew's expected impact on Haiti.

"We're looking at rain being measured in feet rather than inches," he added.

Alta Jean-Baptiste, head of the Haiti's Department of Civil Protection, said one man was killed by large waves at sea over the weekend, and another went missing when his boat capsized, despite warnings to stay on dry land.

Haiti's coastal city of Les Cayes is on Matthew's predicted path and the usually sunny sky began to darken on Monday. Some residents of homes just feet away from the ocean, many made of scrap metal and zinc sheets, refused to move into government shelters ahead of dangerous predicted storm surges.

In the country's largest slum, the seaside Cite Soleil in capital Port-au-Prince, Mayor Frederic Hislain called on the government to bus 150,000 people whose homes he said were threatened to safer places.

"Those people are living all along the seashore in a bunch of huts which usually can't even really protect them from ordinary rain. Now we are talking about a strong hurricane. Imagine the disaster we may have to face here."

Residents of the Cuban community of Cecilia, in Guantanamo Province, are evacuated on Monday as Hurricane Matthew claimed its first two victims in Haiti, one killed and one missing, as it churns through the Caribbean as the most menacing storm in nearly a decade. GETTY IMAGES

Haitians are often reluctant to leave their homes in the face of impending storms, fearing their belongings will be stolen.

In Les Cayes, about 150 people huddled without electricity or food in the city's largest shelter, a school meant to house 600. Trash was already littered on the balconies.

"After the hurricane, we will be miserable. We'll be hungry…The houses will be destroyed," said Rosette Joseph, 44, at the shelter with her four children.

Crawling north at just 6 miles per hour (9 kph), the storm threatens to linger enough for its winds and rain to cause great damage. Haiti is prone to flash floods and mudslides because most of its hillsides have been stripped bare by people cutting down trees to make charcoal to sell for fuel.

The storm comes at a bad time for Haiti. The poorest country in the Americas is set to hold a long-delayed presidential election on Sunday.

Ronald Semelfort, director of Haiti's national meteorology center compared Matthew to 1963's Hurricane Flora, which swept away entire villages and killed thousands in Haiti.

Jamaica's Kingston saw light showers most of the morning on Monday, with gray, overcast skies. At a nearby beach there were huge waves and crowds were gathering to film them from drones and cellphone cameras.

At the National Arena, which has been turned into a temporary shelter, Yvonne Nelson, of the Jamaica Red Cross said there were 52 people registered and the arena has a capacity for between 300-500 people.

"People don't want to leave their homes because they don't know what's going to happen ... maybe someone will rob their homes. They are afraid of losing all their valuable things," she said.

In both Jamaica and Haiti, authorities shut the main airports to wait for the storm to pass.

In Cuba, which Matthew is due to reach on Tuesday, evacuation operations were well underway, with most tourists in the eastern town of Santiago de Cuba moved inland and given instructions on where to shelter in hotels during the hurricane.

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LA police chief says suspect shot by officers was holding gun

The death of Carnell Snell Jr. on Saturday was one of two fatal police shootings of black men in California in the past week.

An 18-year-old black man who was shot to death by Los Angeles police over the weekend was fleeing from a suspected stolen car and had turned toward officers with a gun in his hand before they opened fire on him, the city's police chief said on Monday.

Los Angeles Police Chief Charlie Beck told reporters that officers were pursuing a car they believed was stolen when Snell leapt from the backseat and ran, prompting a chase on foot.

"At one point during the foot pursuit … they observed him remove a handgun from his waistband and hold it in his left hand," Beck said.

"He ran into a driveway ... and while holding the handgun in his left hand he turned in the direction of the pursuing officers, at which time an officer-involved shooting occurred," the chief said. "A total of six rounds were fired, and Carnell Snell was sent to the pavement."

Beck said Snell was struck by two rounds and pronounced dead at the scene. The pursuit was caught on surveillance video from a local business, which showed Snell holding the semi-automatic handgun, Beck said.

The incident prompted protests in Los Angeles, including a march on Saturday night in which demonstrators pelted Mayor Eric Garcetti's home with eggs. Four people were arrested following a rally on Sunday night.

LAPD Chief Charlie Beck GETTY IMAGES

Some 100 miles to the south, 17 people were arrested over the weekend during demonstrations over the police shooting last Tuesday of Ugandan refugee Alfred Olango at a taco stand in the San Diego suburb of El Cajon.

Police said Olango ignored commands to take his hand out of his pocket before pulling out an object later determined to be a vaping device and aiming it at them in a "shooting stance." REUTERS

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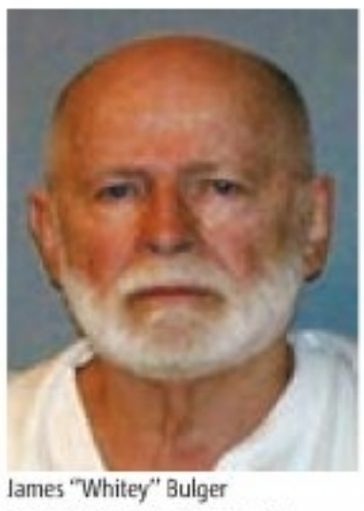
High court rejects mobster 'Whitey' Bulger's appeal

The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday declined to hear former Boston mob boss James "Whitey" Bulger's appeal of his 2013 conviction for committing or ordering the murders of 11 people, leaving the 87-year-old to spend the rest of his life in prison.

His lawyers contend that Bulger, who ruled over Boston's underworld in the 1970s and 1980s, was denied a fair trial because the judge prevented him from testifying that a now-dead former U.S. prosecutor gave him immunity for his crimes in exchange for protection.

Bulger is serving a sentence of life in prison without possibility of parole at a federal penitentiary in Sumterville, Florida. The Boston-based 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in March upheld Bulger's convictions on 31 of 32 criminal counts he faced in his racketeering trial, including 11 murders, extortion and drug offenses.



James "Whitey" Bulger
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He fled Boston in 1994 after being tipped off by a corrupt FBI agent that his arrest was imminent. He spent 16 years on the lam, most of them listed atop the FBI's "10 Most Wanted" list before agents caught up with him hiding in a seaside apartment in Santa Monica, California.

Bulger's two-month trial shone a harsh light on a troubled time for Boston law enforcement, when corrupt members of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Justice Department who shared his Irish-American heritage turned a blind eye to his murder and mayhem in exchange for information they could use against the Italian-American Mafia.

But the former head of the "Winter Hill" gang denied throughout his trial that he ever provided the FBI with any tips on rival gangsters, insisting that he paid agents for information while providing none of his own in return.

Indeed, his lawyers spent much of their energy at his trial in trying to prove that Bulger had not been an informant, which would not be a criminal offense but the former head of the Winter Hill crime gang viewed as a grave dishonor. REUTERS

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Shootings at colleges deadlier and more frequent, report finds

The incidents have also grown more deadly, with three times as many people injured or killed during the most recent five-year period, the New York City-based Citizens Crime Commission said.

Shootings on college campuses over the last five years have more than doubled since a similar period a decade earlier, according to a report released on Monday by a criminal justice reform organization.

"It is now appropriate to call our nation's gun violence problem an epidemic," said the commission's president, Richard Aborn.

Following high-profile shooting incidents such as an attack on an Orlando gay nightclub in June that killed 49 people, the candidates for November's presidential election have clashed on how to address gun violence. Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton favors tougher gun control measures, while Republican Donald Trump has accused her of threatening to curtail Americans' constitutional right to bear arms.

The fight over gun control has extended to college campuses, as several states have passed laws expanding the rights of gun owners to carry firearms while on school property. A new Texas law allowing students to carry guns on campus, for instance, has drawn protests.

Monday's report examined 190 shootings from 2001 to 2016 that either involved an intentional shooting on campus or the shooting of a current student within two miles of campus.

There were 40 such incidents from 2001 to 2006 and 101 recorded shootings from 2011 to 2016.

Police officers gather in front of Burruss Hall on the campus of Virginia Tech University after a shooting April 16, 2007. GETTY IMAGES

The report also found that students are more likely to encounter gun violence in states where guns are readily accessible.

Just 12 states accounted for nearly two-thirds of the shootings, and those states are home to 44 percent of all federally licensed firearm dealers in the country. The commission said most of those states have less restrictive gun laws, as well.

While rampage-style mass shootings only accounted for five percent of the campus shootings, they produced the majority of the deaths and injuries, according to the report.

The 2007 attack at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, known as Virginia Tech, killed 32 and wounded 17. It was the worst campus shooting in U.S. history.

Current federal law requires colleges to report crimes that occur on campus but does not require schools to disclose whether firearms were used and if so, what type. The commission recommended that Congress amend the law so parents of prospective students can take that information into account.

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Rights group: Ex-detainees say CIA used mock electric chair in Afghan black site

Two Tunisian men who spent 12 years in U.S. custody in Afghanistan said CIA interrogators tortured them using previously unreported techniques that included threatening them with a mock electric chair and beating them with batons so brutally that they suffered broken bones, Human Rights Watch reported on Monday.

The accounts, which could not be independently confirmed, raised new questions about how prisoners were treated in a former CIA prison in Afghanistan that remains shrouded in secrecy. Ryan Trapani, a CIA spokesman, said the "CIA reviewed its records and found nothing to support these new claims."

But Dan Jones, who led a Senate investigation into the CIA detention program, said the accounts given by the two men, Ridha al-Najjar, 51, and Lotfi al-Arabi El Gherissi, 52, were important because so little is known about the "Cobalt" black site, where an Afghan detainee froze to death in 2002.

CIA Headquarters GETTY IMAGES

"The committee found that the Cobalt detention site kept so few written records that it was impossible for the Senate, or the CIA, to determine how many individuals were detained there," Jones said. "And what exactly was done to those detained."

The two men had not publicly described their treatment before, Human Rights Watch said. The U.S. government accused both of being al Qaeda members, but they were returned to Tunisia in 2015 and released.

Gherissi said his guards put him in the mock electric chair, which he said had plugs for prisoners' fingers with wires attached and a metal cap for a prisoner's head. The former detainees said the electric chair was never turned on and appeared to be makeshift.

An independent medical expert hired by Human Rights Watch said that X-rays of Najjar showed his ankle had been broken and had not healed properly. He also was missing two teeth.

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They're with Kim K.

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The world's most famous reality TV star, Kim Kardashian West, was tied up, gagged and robbed of nearly $10 million of jewelry at her hotel during Paris Fashion Week. The wife and mother of two was physically unharmed, but rightfully scared out of her mind. While she has her share of detractors, the incident has prompted an outpouring of support from other celebrities on Twitter.

Kim's longtime friend Chrissy Teigen posted a series of tweets about empathy and compassion for those living in the spotlight. Responding to cruel jokes made at KKW's expense, the model said: "Some s—t just isn't funny. I see you trying, but it isn't."

James Corden, host of "The Late Late Show" and its wildly popular Carpool Karaoke segment chimed in: "People making jokes about @KimKardashian tonight would do well to remember that she's a mother,a daughter,a wife, a friend. Be nice or shut up."

"Trailer Park Boys" star Jonathan Torrens clapped back at haters as well: "I think I have a pretty good handle on what's funny. Kim Kardashian being held captive & robbed at gunpoint is not. Stop it with the jokes."

Tony-winning singer Cynthia Erivo considered not only the robbery, but the Hollywood "prankster" that attempted to move in on Kim earlier last week, tweeting, "Glad @KimKardashian is ok! No human being deserves the treatment she's had this week."

She later had to defend her tweet with the following: "To those who have an issue with me wishing well @KimKardashian deal with it! I am well aware of her privilege, I also note that she is human."

Meanwhile producer Diplo stirred the pot with this messy tweet: "Taylor robbed kim."

Not funny Diplo, not funny at all.

Lindsay Lohan loses part of finger in freak accident

The good news: Lindsay Lohan managed to make headlines just before National Mean Girls Day — yes, this is a thing … "it's Oct. 3." But this time Lohan isn't having another meltdown or scandal. The bad news: She had to sever one of her extremities to do it.

Lohan was boating in Turkey when she tried to anchor the boat by herself, according to a video posted on her Instagram after the incident. The anchor sliced off the tip of her finger, sending her friends on a search for the missing flesh before rushing Lohan to the emergency room. A plastic surgeon was able to successfully reattach it.

Thankfully, the freak accident didn't stop Lohan from taking selfies, making fun of herself, or using the word "fetch" with the rest of us.

Case closed for Chris Brown?

Chris Brown is not known for his luck with the legal system, but the string of events following his August 30 arrest for allegedly pulling a gun on a woman in his Los Angeles home might prove otherwise.

According to sources, the D.A. is still not satisfied with the evidence assembled by police after they received a two-week extension to file the case.

Not only is the D.A. suspicious of Baylee Curran, Brown's alleged victim, who used drugs and alcohol during the party and made heavy media rounds immediately following the incident (victim blaming much?), they are struggling to link the weapons found on the scene to the R&B bad boy. At this point, the case is most likely going to go cold, which is sure to come as a relief to Brown, who seems to attract trouble like a moth to a flame since infamously attacking then-girlfriend Rihanna in 2009.

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Johnny Pemberton of 'Son of Zorn' talks being animated from the waist down

The show that mixes cartoon, live action airs Sunday nights on Fox.

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"Son of Zorn" is a show that recently made its debut on Fox, mixing animation with live action. It follows the story of Zorn, an animated character who returns to Orange County from the land of Zephyria to reunite with his teenage son. Johnny Pemberton plays Alan, Zorn's half-human son who hasn't seen his dad in 10 years. We got the chance to chat with Pemberton about the challenges of working alongside an animated character and where he sees the show going.

What are the challenges of working with an animated character?

Well, it's really difficult because you have to think of everything as opposed to taking hints from someone else because that's what acting is usually. You look at someone's face and you can tell what they mean because you're human and then you communicate that way by listening and responding. With "Zorn" we don't have that luxury so it's a lot harder.

What's it like playing a 17-year-old?

It's kind of terrifying. I had to remember a lot of things I worked the rest of my life to forget. Sometimes it's kind of stressful or depressing because it's yeah you're living back in that world. For most people, it's the worst time of their life. [And] my character is animated from the waist down, because he's half-human and half-Zephyrian.

That's a lot to live with. How do you see Alan evolving?

With Alan, it's more like he's just getting to know his dad and has a greater tolerance for his dad, understanding that he's the way he is and he's not really going to change much. I don't know how to put it; I guess like a horse is still a horse if it has a man's shirt on it. Sort of like Zorn is still going to be Zorn. He's always going to find the wrong way to do something even if he thinks it's the right way.

Do you have a favorite superhero?

I like the antiheroes a lot more than the superheroes. So Pitt, an image comic, the Punisher and Venom — that's a Marvel character. [Pause] Zorn in a way is kind of like an antihero. He's not really a superhero because he's not fighting for the greater good. He's a pretty selfish guy, so I think, yeah, Zorn is definitely a sort of antihero. I like Zorn a lot. This is the only script I've ever laughed out loud at before the table read.

"Son of Zorn" airs on Fox at 8:30 p.m.

From left: Zorn (voiced by Jason Sudeikis) and Johnny Pemberton "Son of Zorn" ALL IMAGES FOX

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Kate Winslet tells us about her 'poo pencil case'

She may be an Oscar-winner, but the star of "The Dressmaker" has a great sense of humor.

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So, Kate Winslet owns a "poo pencil case." To clarify: She owns a big yellow pencil case on which is a picture of a cartoon character taking a dump, with the word "poo" over top. She carries it around and uses it to break the ice when she starts film shoots.

It's while talking to the acclaimed actress, 40, for her new Australian revenge dramedy "The Dressmaker" that we finally get to see it. In the film, co-written by "Muriel's Wedding" creator P.J. Hogan, Winslet plays a woman who returns to the remote small town from which she was banished as a child, hell-bent on shaking things up, even if that means starting a sewing company the denizens find shocking.

When asked if she used the poo pencil case when she first met Liam Hemsworth, her romantic co-lead, Winslet abruptly stands up, walks into the other room and brings it to the table. And thus she regales us with the story of Oscar-winning thespian Kate Winslet's poo pencil case.

So tell me more about the poo pencil case.

I've had this for 18 years. For me, at least, read-throughs [of scripts, with actors] are the most tense, anxiety-making experiences. They're just awful. Everyone's terrified. You have to open your mouth and say things out loud. Often you're doing an accent and people are like, "Aw, she's f—ing s—." I noticed, as I got older and more experienced, that it seemed to be me being at the table that was having this impact on other people. I thought, "I can't have this, this is awful! I'll bust out the poo pencil case!" So what I do is I sit down, I get my script out, and I can feel everyone [nervously fidgets]. Out comes the pencil case and everyone goes, "Oh, thank God, she's normal." It's the ice-breaking poo pencil case.

Did you use the poo pencil case to break the ice with your on-screen romantic partner, Liam Hemsworth?

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Kate Winslet plays a disgraced woman who returns to her dreaded, remote home town and canoodles with an old schoolmate (Liam Hemsworth) in "The Dressmaker." BEN KING, BROAD GREEN PICTURES, AMAZON STUDIOS

Where on earth does one procure a poo pencil case?
I was given it by a woman named Noriko Watanabe, who is a hair and makeup artist who I worked with on "Holy Smoke" in Australia. She's married to Sam Neill. She did "Eternal Sunshine" with me as well, so she did all those amazing wigs.

It's pretty big. What's in it?
It's full of lots of bits of jobs I've done. Lovely Gyton [Grantley, an actor in "The Dressmaker"] gave me a little gold thimble at the end of the shoot, and he wrote the sweetest note for me. They're in the pencil case. There's a paper clip that held new pages of a scene in something I did. I keep little things in there. I lost it for about two years at one point, and I was completely beside myself. Then I re-found it and was like, "Yes! The poo pencil case!" [Laughs]

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Being right is 'boring'

And other words of wisdom from the founder of Nasty Gal, Sophia Amoruso.

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At just 32 years old, Nasty Gal founder Sophia Amoruso has quite the résumé: she built a fashion empire from the ground up, wrote a New York Times best seller, "#Girlboss," and is working on a Netflix show about her life that's being produced by Charlize Theron.

Now, she's back with "Nasty Galaxy," a colorful and eclectic collection of photos and stories that have influenced the Nasty Gal brand.

"'Nasty Galaxy' is like a life bible of my influences," explains Amoruso. "Profiles on badass women … are mixed in with mini essays on everything from really embarrassing moments to my musings on love, networking and more. It's really eclectic — any page will surprise you."

Amoruso gives us a sneak peek.

How is "Nasty Galaxy" different from traditional coffee table books?

It's not simply a photo book or a retrospective of my brand. It's like a personal journal that builds on what I established with "#Girlboss," which celebrates strong women. It's something you can read more than the average coffee table, but it's also something that you can pick up and not be intimidated by. It's not a book you have to commit yourself to. I don't want to call this a coffee table book, but it's beautiful enough to be one.

What are some examples of essays you'll find in the book?

There are a couple pages on love, how I think about that word, how I think about relationships today. There's also a bit about being right, and why being right is actually kind of boring. You don't get to learn anything when you're correct — when you're wrong, you get to learn things. I'm really transparent about a lot of things, which is fun for people since it makes them feel less weird to know that they're not the only ones.

Why did you decide to write a second book?

"#Girlboss" was my story, and it was like a business book meets a self-help book meets entertainment. "Nasty Galaxy" is the same voice and the same spirit, but it's really visual. I'm a visual person — I've built a very visual brand. I love design, I love interiors and I love music. While those things can seem superficial, they really add up to what is my world. I wanted to have fun and create something really beautiful that still has a lot of substance.

How did Courtney Love end up writing the foreword?

I've been a fan of Courtney's for a long time. We did a collaboration with her in January of this year. It sold out really quickly. She's an outspoken woman with a really singular vision, voice and style. Her style has influenced so many designers in luxury and beyond. She is someone who really knows her s— when it comes to fashion. She's lived a full life and made her own mistakes. That's very much what Nasty Gal is about. While we're really different people, there's a kinship there that makes her perfect for the brand, and someone I feel lucky to call my friend.

How would you describe the ethos of the Nasty Gal brand?

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to feel like they can take on the world. We want to be the spark. There's a spirit to Nasty Gal that's really warm and approachable. We want girls to see themselves in the life they want to have, and we want to arm them with whatever they need to go out and achieve that. Often, that starts with getting dressed in the morning.

What we put on to start our day can seem superficial, but it can really color how we feel about ourselves. And it's something we have to do every day, so there's no reason it shouldn't be something that we take as seriously as what we put in our bodies, or what we choose to do with our time. In taking the time to be deliberate and choosing who you're going to be for the day, it's like a promise to your future. Nasty Gal is really about choosing your future, and not letting life choose it for you.

What's your biggest piece of advice to women?

Patience is a virtue, and life's a marathon, not a race. That's a really hard thing to understand in your 20s and even your 30s. Everything works out as it should, but you should also constantly be looking around the corner for the opportunities that are latent and waiting for you, because they're everywhere.

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Jody Greenstone Miller doesn't like the word 'passion'

The CEO will moderate a discussion at the PA Conference for Women.

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On Oct. 6, the 13th annual Pennsylvania Conference for Women comes to Philadelphia, attracting over 7,000 attendees. Co-founder and CEO of Business Talent Group Jody Greenstone Miller will moderate a panel on making career changes called "Pivoting into Career 2.0." Miller took the time to speak with us about tips for navigating your professional life and why she doesn't like the word "passion."

What made you want to participate in the Pennsylvania Conference for Women?

Well, I've always enjoyed talking to women and sharing what I can to help women be successful. This one in particular was of interest because I grew up in Philadelphia and went to Friends Select School for 13 years, which is right around the corner from where the conference is being held.

You're speaking on a panel about making career pivots. Having such a diverse professional life yourself, what tips do you have for women looking to make changes?

I think the first thing is you have to be open to the serendipity of life. You can't actually plan a career like I've had. You have to be willing to take risks and try things — opportunities that cross your path that you might not have expected to be your path. I think also you have to have some sense of both what you're good at, what you like and how that intersects with what's going on in the world. So when you see those three lineup that's kind of a moment to say, "That's something I should try."

It's very much like being an artist with your career.

Yes. It's a combination of inspiration, hard work, and you kick the can of paint over and it looks good. It's all three. You have to try and look at your career not as a stagnant, lock step progression, but as a lifelong journey.

How important is it to be passionate about your work?

I don't like the word "passion." I think it puts a lot of pressure on people. It's great if you really do have a passion and you developed it naturally and nurtured it. I have read many times that Steven Spielberg was making movies when he was 12, but not everybody has that. I think there's too much focus on, "What is your passion?" What I tell people is just do what naturally interests you. I think the standard of passion is just like the standard of love at first sight. It's a romantic idea that occasionally happens, but most people have to take smaller steps and get involved with something they find interesting. That's a more realistic view of what happens to most people and the way you will end up in the right place.

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Ever since Angelina Jolie publicly announced she had tested positive for the BRCA1 gene and elected to undergo a double mastectomy, more and more women have decided to pursue genetic testing for breast cancer. The "Angelina Jolie effect," as it's popularly referred to, is not just a celebrity-induced fad; it has brought awareness to the greatly increased cancer risk for carriers of BRCA1 and BRCA2 mutations. According to the National Cancer Institute, 55 to 65 percent of women who inherit the BRCA1 gene, and 45 percent who inherit the BRCA2 gene, will develop breast cancer by age 70, compared to 12 percent of the general population.

But who should get tested, and starting at what age?

Just last week, Leandra Medine, the 27-year-old founder of women's humor and fashion site Man Repeller, spoke out about testing positive for BRCA1 in her early 20s after learning that both her mother and aunt were carriers. Her maternal grandmother died of breast cancer, and her aunt was diagnosed with and survived both breast cancer and ovarian cancer. Medine, who is a spokesperson for Estee Lauder's Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign this year, told Vogue that by sharing her story, she hopes to "normalize the conversation."

"Just because I carry this gene doesn't mean I'm going to die of cancer," she said. "You shouldn't be afraid to get tested. It just gives you knowledge that will help you towards a more safe and hopefully longer future. Knowledge is power, right?"

For now, Medine says she's holding off on prophylactic surgery, but will be screened biannually for breast cancer as well as ovarian cancer. Because she plans to have children, she also elected to undergo a round of IVF as a preventative measure in case she were to get diagnosed before conceiving.

Dr. Charis Eng, the founding chair of the Genomic Medicine Institute at the Cleveland Clinic, says that doing a comprehensive family history with your primary care doctor is the first step. Then, he or she can evaluate your risk and refer you to a genetic counselor, who can discuss testing options.

"It's not just BRCA1 and 2. There are almost 400 inherited genes that when altered will give a person an increased risk of cancer," she says. "For example, the gene PTEN gives a high risk of breast as well as thyroid and endometrial cancers. The genetic counselor will evaluate your family history and decide which genes to test for."

"October is also personalized health care month," she adds.

It's never too early to get tested for women who suspect they are high risk, according to Eng. And if you have a family history of cancer and/or relatives who have already tested positive for the gene, insurance will usually cover it.

And what of the decision to undergo prophylactic surgery?

"A high-risk breast specialist can help [a carrier] decide [if and when] to undergo a prophylactic mastectomy," she says. "Usually, the risk of getting breast cancer [from the mutation] doesn't go up until the 30s, so some people decide to wait. It depends on the age that we see breast cancer in the family history."

The nonprofit Bright Pink has a number of resources for young women looking to take preventative steps. The "ask a genetic counselor" online form allows you to anonymously submit a question to a genetic counselor from InformedDNA, a national network of geneticists. Assessyourrisk.org scores users from average to high-risk based on provided information on age, family history and lifestyle. Bright Pink also has outreach support groups across the nation for high-risk women, who have the option of being matched up with a "pink pal," who is also high-risk.

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about her experience testing positive for BRCA2 in her 20s, which she says actually helped her manage her anxiety around getting breast cancer. But she acknowledges not everyone will have the same reaction.

"Before getting tested, I'd weigh whether you're the kind of person who would use the information as power, or to make yourself more anxious," she says. "Personally, knowing I have the mutation helps me feel like there's a chance things will be caught early, which is great."

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Waiting game continues for Sixers after Simmons injury, but there's reason to hope

There is a lot for the Sixers to work out as far as rotations, play style and minutes go. GETTY IMAGES

The Sixers could once again wind up with a massive haul in the 2017 NBA draft.

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The Sixers tankathon could last yet another season longer than first anticipated.

The team's future will once again, after a season without Nerlens Noel and two without Joel Embiid, take a step back as the team waits at least three months, if not more for first pick Ben Simmons to recover from foot surgery.

"It's like a punch in the stomach," Sixers' head coach Brett Brown said after the news of his broken foot hit the airwaves. "How can it not be? There's been no team to have more injuries to draft picks than we have."

Philly will have some bright new faces in Dario Saric and the aforementioned and finally healthy Embiid, but seeing how the team will operate in the future with their star point-forward running the offense will have to wait.

Waiting is something the Sixers and their fans have become all too accustomed to.

Team officials have made it clear they will not rush Simmons back and the injury could cost the LSU product all of 2016-17.

"I feel very badly for Ben to be in a situation to start his career this way. But this is an injury that he should come back from and have a very successful and long career,'' Sixers' team resident Bryan Colangelo said.

There is a small spot of good news. Good news if you were a Sam Hinkie fan at least.

In addition to having their own pick in the 2017 draft — one that is expected to be pretty solid — Philly also will get the Lakers' pick should L.A. finish outside the top three of the draft order.

And should the Sixers somehow piece together a handful of wins and play themselves out of a reasonable shot at the top spot in the lottery, the club still holds the right to swap first-rounders with the Sacramento Kings, a team that is also struggling to rebuild.

This all means that next season, potentially, the Sixers could get yet another influx of raw talent in the form of two top five draft picks (if everything falls right), and a healthy Simmons.

There is an overwhelming chaotic feeling surrounding the future of the Sixers. They are jam-packed with big men, Embiid, Noel, Jahlil Okafor and the 6-foot-10 forward Saric. It is unlikely all of these pieces will remain when the team finally starts to contend. So consider 2016-17 an extension of the Hinkie/tankathon with a twist — we'll at least get to see the team grow and configure its front court to pair with Simmons and guards who are yet to arrive.

Patience, yet again for the Sixers, is key.

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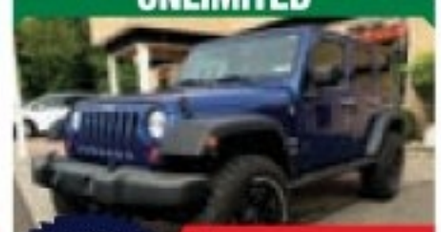
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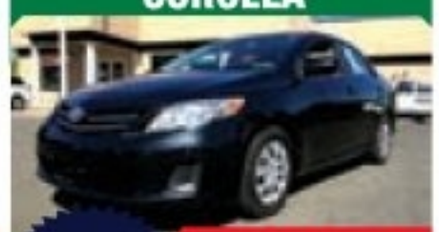
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Ryan Howard's farewell Sunday signaled the official end of an era in Philly sports. GETTY IMAGES

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The Ryan Howard Farewell Weekend brought out the best in fans, the Phillies and Howard himself. Sure, we had a tumultuous marriage over the past five years. But, at the end, everyone united to toast the earlier greatness. "We had some good runs, didn't we?" Howard said before his final game Sunday.

We sure did. Five division titles. Two trips to the World Series. "World Bleepin' Champions." Howard, lest you forget, averaged 50 homers, 102 runs scored and 143 RBI from 2006-09. No one else in red pinstripes ever approached that kind of four-season run.

He left to a standing ovation and now must decide whether to play on elsewhere. My logic says he may attract a spring training invitation. But his limitations — can't run, can't field, can't hit lefties — will keep even an AL team from awarding Howard a roster spot.

"Sure, we had a tumultuous marriage over the past five years. But, at the end, everyone united to toast the earlier greatness."

He'll end up a player remembered for wearing just a Phillies uniform in his career. And that's not a bad thing.

So long Simmons, for now ...

As we waved goodbye to Howard, we were poised to go nuts over Ben Simmons. Early reports had the Sixers lottery prize flashing brilliance in camp. And then ...

The break in Simmons' foot bone could keep him out three months, according to early reports. After that, of course, he'll need to work into playing shape. Perhaps he could return for the last 25 games or so.

I'd take that. Except there's already talk about shelving Simmons for the entire season — even if he is able to return. The argument goes that the Sixers have too much invested in Simmons' future to risk playing him in another noncompetitive season for the franchise.

Really? Hey, no one wants to risk rushing back Simmons. But if he can play 20 games at season's end to give pro sports most-patient fan base some hope for the future — please, let's do it. No more artificial delays.

The Eagles are pretty darn good

The Eagles early bye gave us the chance to watch the rest of the NFL last weekend. The fair conclusion? There aren't many teams better than Doug Pederson's crew.

Carolina and Arizona — two early favorites — look way down this season. The Falcons are 3-1, but allowing 31 points a game. And the rest of the NFC East is a swamp of mediocrity. For now, I'll place the Seahawks, Vikings and Packers ahead of the Eagles in their conference. That's it.

Yes, it's early. And we've learned from recent history that good NFL teams are often slow out of the gate and gel in cold weather. But the ceiling keeps rising for the Eagles. They now enter a five-game stretch that includes four on the road. Three wins in that stretch — and you can start dreaming about a playoff game or two in January.

Goalie controversy?

Kudos to Flyers goalie Michal Neuvirth for his new mask honoring the late Ed Snider. It's a classy tribute, with pictures of the Flyers founder and the words "A Flyer Forever." And it's a great touch as the franchise enters its 50th season.

Neuvirth has been largely a backup through his eight-year career. But he outplayed Steve Mason in the regular season and certainly the playoffs. I'd love to see him get the chance to start for this young team.

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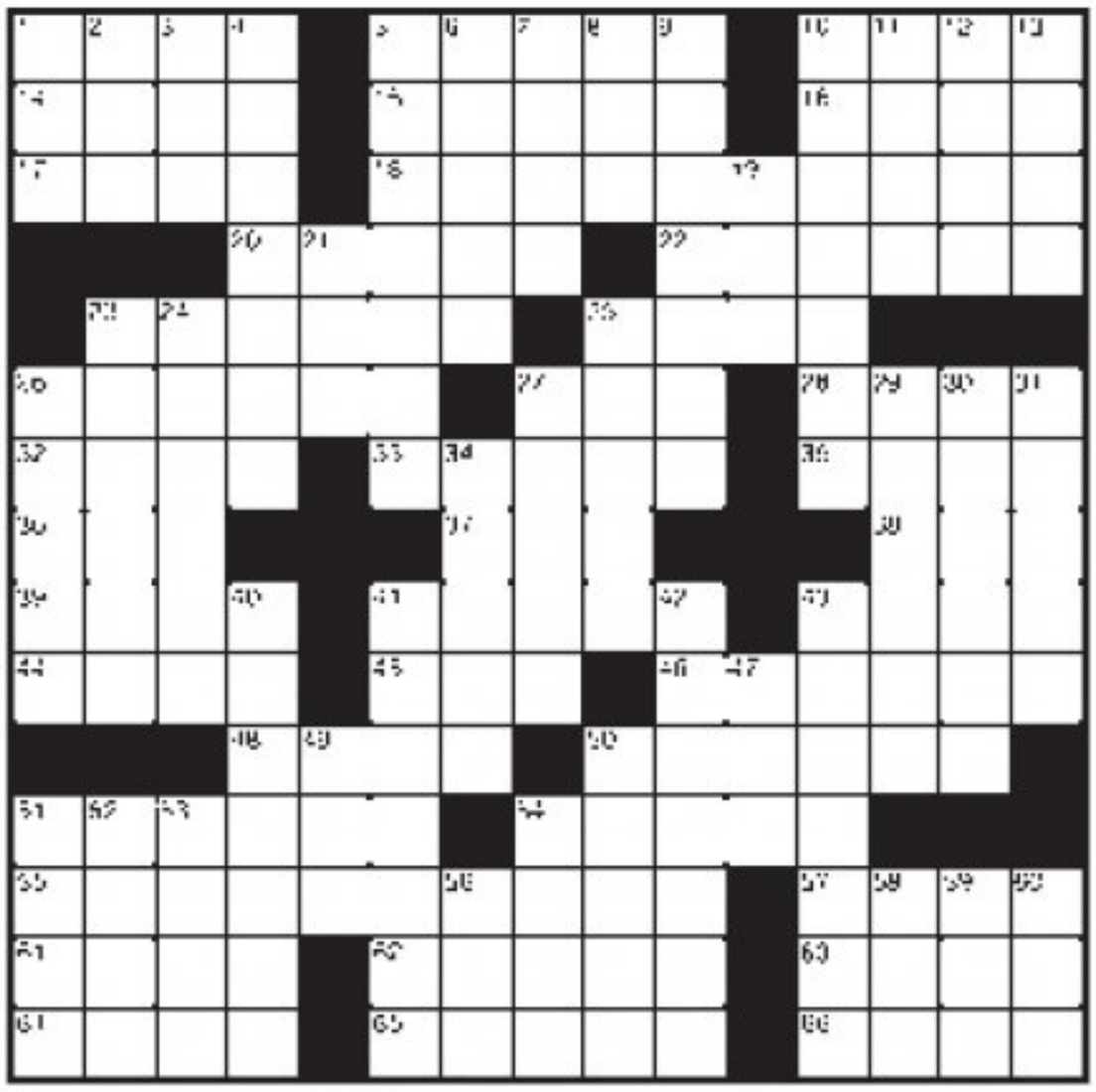

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Aries Work on something that you enjoy doing alone. A creative project will ease your stress. Avoid making an abrupt decision regarding a partnership or joint venture.

Taurus Set the stage for a healthy encounter with someone. When spending time with your loved ones, you can improve your connection with sincere communication.

Gemini Use your imagination and explore options and unique ways to improve your situation. Striving for greater stability in your personal life is a good place to begin.

Cancer If you make plans to spend time with a loved one, it will strengthen your bond. Try something different or visit a destination you've never been to before.

Leo Host a party or make changes at home that will add to your pleasure or comfort. Taking in some entertainment without busting your budget will ease your stress.

Virgo An emotional situation entailing someone or something from your past is best let go of promptly. Move forward with optimism. The best is yet to come.

Libra Partnership issues are best addressed before you make a move. Ask questions and look for practical ways to solve problems. Keep your life simple.

Scorpio Refuse to let professional matters disrupt your personal life. Take your mind off your worries by spending quality time with your loved ones.

Sagittarius Emotions will surface, leading you in a new direction. Embrace the inevitable and use your skills and talents to outmaneuver anyone who gets in your way.

Capricorn Emotionally charged matters will cause unexpected problems with friends and relatives. Hold back your feelings if it will help avoid an argument.

Aquarius Stay on top of financial matters, personal investments and health or legal issues. Someone with ulterior motives will steer you in the wrong direction.

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